

**University of California, Los Alamos; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument**

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

*Docket Number:* 96-071. Applicant: University of California, Los Alamos, CA 87545. Instrument: ICP Mass Spectrometer, Model PlasmaQuad. Manufacturer: Fisons Instruments, United Kingdom. Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 41773, August 12, 1996.

*Comments:* None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides: (1) a minimum limit of detection of 0.025 ng/L in the actinide region, (2) abundance sensitivity of  $< 1 \times 10^{-7}$  at M-1 and (3) quadrupole operation at 2.2 MHz or higher. These capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose. We know of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

Frank W. Creel,

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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**The University of Vermont; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument**

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*Docket Number:* 96-068. Applicant: The University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405. Instrument: Multisample Inlet Manifold for Mass Spectrometer. Manufacturer: Pro-Vac Services, United Kingdom. Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 39948, July 31, 1996.

*Comments:* None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent

scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. Reasons: This is a compatible accessory for an existing instrument purchased for the use of the applicant.

The National Institutes of Health advises in its memorandum dated July 24, 1996, that the accessory is pertinent to the intended uses and that it knows of no comparable domestic accessory.

We know of no domestic accessory which can be readily adapted to the existing instrument.

Frank W. Creel,

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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**[C-535-001]**

**Cotton Shop Towels from Pakistan; Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary results of countervailing duty administrative reviews.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting administrative reviews of the countervailing duty order on cotton shop towels from Pakistan. For administrative convenience, the Department is combining the reviews covering the periods January 1, 1992 through December 31, 1992 (1992) and January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993 (1993). We preliminarily determine the net subsidy to be 7.81 percent *ad valorem* for all companies for 1992. For 1993, we preliminarily determine the net subsidy to be 11.50 percent *ad valorem* for Eastern Textiles (Eastern), 11.54 percent *ad valorem* for Creation (Pvt.), Ltd. (Creation), and 5.02 percent *ad valorem* for all other companies. If the final results remain the same as these preliminary results of administrative reviews, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess countervailing duties as indicated above. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 25, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anne D'Alauro or Lorenza Olivas, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On March 9, 1984, the Department published in the Federal Register (49 FR 8974) the countervailing duty order on cotton shop towels from Pakistan. On March 12, 1993, the Department published a notice of "Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" (58 FR 13583) of this countervailing duty order for 1992. We received a timely request for review from Milliken & Company (Milliken), a U.S. producer of the subject merchandise and the petitioner in the original investigation. For 1993, the notice of "Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" was published on March 4, 1994 (59 FR 10368). Milliken, as well as the Government of Pakistan, the Towel Manufacturers Association of Pakistan and exporters of shop towels from Pakistan requested a review for this period. We initiated the 1992 and 1993 reviews on May 6, 1993 (58 FR 26960) and April 15, 1994 (59 FR 18099), respectively. The 1992 review covers 17 manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise. The 1993 review covers 20 manufacturers/exporters. The reviewed exporters account for virtually all exports of the subject merchandise. Both reviews cover five programs.

**Applicable Statute and Regulations**

The Department is conducting these administrative reviews in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute and to the Department's regulations are in reference to the provisions as they existed on December 31, 1994. However, references to the Department's Countervailing Duties; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Request for Public Comments (54 FR 23366; May 31, 1989) (Proposed Regulations), are provided solely for further explanation of the Department's countervailing duty practice. Although the Department has withdrawn the particular rulemaking proceeding pursuant to which the Proposed Regulations were issued, the subject matter of these regulations is being considered in connection with an ongoing rulemaking proceeding which, among other things, is intended to conform the Department's regulations to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. See 60 FR 80 (Jan. 3, 1995).

**Scope of the Review**

The subject merchandise is cotton shop towels from Pakistan. During the review periods, this merchandise was classifiable under item number